



Regional Service Council Minutes Region # 17

Meeting Date: April 19, 2013

Meeting Location: Dubois County DCS Office

Council Members Present: RM Lesko, Mendy Berry, Amy Tempel, Darlene McBride, Connie Branch, David Galloway, Lisa Smith, Melisa Tye, Melissa Lueken and Sandy Bowman.

Council Members Absent: Judge Weikert, Judge Dartt, Cheryl Hillenburg, and Kim Donnelly

Others In Attendance: Leslie Rowland, Ann Hecht, Kim Bivens, Megan Whitehead, Stephanie Hawks, Darcy Durbin, Nick Miller, Jill Roedel, Nancy Rennie, Pam Keiser, John Schroder, and Jessica Richardson

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at: 8:30 by RM Lesko. Roll call was held.

RM Lesko asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes from the previous meeting. Director Berry made a motion to approve the meetings minutes and council member David Galloway seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as read.

Programs/Committee Report

Community Partners: Nick Miller with IHBS gave a summary of the referrals for the month of March 31, 2013. As of March 31, 2013 a total of 88 open cases are currently being serviced through Community Partners for Child Safety in Region 17.

In the month of March, a total of 33 new referrals were made for consideration and 27 were serviced.

Of the referrals, four came from Crawford County, three came from Daviess County, seven came from Dubois County, one came from Martin County, eleven

came from Orange County, two came from Perry County, and five came from Spencer County.

Sources of the referrals (Partners) for this month included the Crawford County Department of Child Services, Daviess County Department of Child Services, Dubois County Department of Child Services, Martin County Department of Child Services, Orange County Department of Child Services, Spencer County Department of Child Services, Perry County Department of Child Services, Perry County School, Daviess County School, French Lick School, Southern Hills, and self-referrals.

Closing Report: March 31, 2013

60 closed service cases

56 closed successfully 93%

Average 83.2 days open

Average 51.6 hours work per case.

Nick stated they are making higher efforts to bolster staff and making a concentrated effort to be visible in schools and county fairs.

Practice Model: Darlene McBride informed council she continues to meet with peer coaches. She has been working on preps. There will be a peer coach celebration in July in Indianapolis.

Regional Finance Manager: John Schroder stated Region 17 is currently running over budget.

There were improvements in Institutional services; however there was an increase in preservations and miscellaneous cost.

Regional Foster Care Specialist: Melissa Lueken informed the council of three new hires, Dina Dorsett, Kristi Wilmes and Terri Williams.

Region 17's foster parent picnic will be on May 4, 2013 at the Huntingburg City Park. Melissa Coots will be the presenter.

Fatherhood Initiative Program: Nick Miller with IHBS informed council there are 5 referrals they are currently servicing in Dubois, Perry and Spencer counties.

Nick updated council on a case where the father of a 2 year old at the beginning had no contact with his child.

Old Business: None

New Business: Darcy Durbin Regional Services Coordinator discussed proposals for comprehensive services that needed to be voted on by the council. She gave a presentation on criteria and service standards for each service.

FCM Lisa Smith made a motion to approve the proposals selected by the committee and numerous council members seconded the motion. All were in favor.

RM Lesko informed the council our May meeting is cancelled. The next meeting will be on July 19, 2013.

Public Testimony/Announcement: None

Next Meeting Date, Location and Time: A motion was made by Melinda Berry to adjourn and seconded by Melissa Lueken and Lisa Smith. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 A.M. The next meeting will be held on Friday, July 19, 2013. It will start at 8:30 AM and will be held at the Memorial Hospital Southside Office located at 1100 W. 12th Avenue, Jasper, IN.